



## OCMR GUIDANCE

### MANAGEMENT OF IN-PATIENTS WITH MRSA

**Patients who are MRSA positive should only be transferred when it is essential and based on clinical need. Where this is necessary the area transferring must inform staff in the receiving area about the patient's MRSA status prior to transfer.**

#### Standard Precautions

1. On arrival the inpatient should go directly to the clinical room and not wait in reception.
2. Before and after contact with a known or suspected MRSA carrier decontaminate hands thoroughly using soap and water or if hands are visibly clean use an alcohol rub.
3. Ensure that disposable plastic aprons, gloves and alcohol hand gel are readily available.
4. Wear disposable gloves and aprons when any contact with an MRSA patient or their environment is expected.
5. Discard all waste in clinical waste (orange plastic) bags.
6. Discard linen into red alginate dissolvable bags then into white plastic linen bags.
7. Where possible single patient items should be used for affected patients.
8. Decontaminate equipment used on an infected or colonised patient using Clinell wipes.
9. Attendants (e.g. nurses, porters) who may be in direct contact with the patient should wear personal protective equipment (aprons and gloves). These should be removed when contact with the patient has finished and disposed of as clinical waste. Any trolley or chairs used by the patient should be cleaned and fully decontaminated after use (Clinell wipes). Staff should wash their hands thoroughly after cleaning is complete.